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Statement
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For: "GUIDED MODE LASER APPARATUS) Our Ref: B-4034 618348-2
WITH IMPROVED CLADDING STRUCTURE)
AND A METHOD OF FABRICATING)
THEREOF") Date: March 19, 2003

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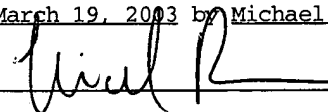
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Therefore, no fees should be due. The Examiner is requested to consider the IDS filed on March 19, 2003 on the merits.

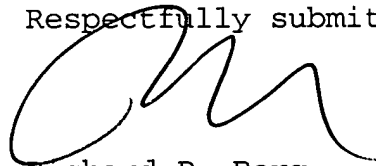
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